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Discussing health related issues during the July 19 storm/power outages are MDHSS's Michelle Zeilman, SEMA Director Reynolds, and MDHSS's Dr. Howard Pue.



Advanced FEMA members Diane Harrell and Tom Costello worked on coordination issues on the SEOC floor during the disaster response.



GENERATORS were a high issue for both state and private health facilities. Pictured is OA's Keith Russell of Facility Management and Lynn Carter of the Department of Mental Health.

July 19-21 Storms Earn EM Disaster Declaration

On July 21, 2006, Missouri received an Expedited Emergency Presidential Disaster Declaration for assistance to help local communities recover from storm damages on July 19-21, 2006, power outages and heat related issues for Dent, Iron, Jefferson, Oregon, St Charles, Washington, St Louis and the City of St. Louis

A storm swept through the area on the evening of July 19. Initial reports indicated close to 500,000 Ameren customers are without electrical power, and approximately 30 people were injured. The storms caused massive storm debris problems throughout the city. Buildings were damaged by the high winds and possible tornado activity. The storms ripped an awning from Lambert Airport onto I-70, overturned semi-tractors, and delayed the televised Cardinals baseball game by several hours.

On July 20, Governor Blunt issued an Emergency Declaration freeing state resources to assist officials in St. Louis City, St. Louis, Washington and Jefferson Counties.

A precautionary boil order for water has been issued for North County areas affected by power outages. St. Louis County established 38 cooling sites. Eleven of 14 City of St. Louis cooling stations were without power. Crews began removing debris from city and county streets. Workers conducted door-to-door health checks on elderly residents.

Power outages impacted the City of Potosi water operations and state facilities in Potosi. Many rural counties also experienced both power outages and drinking water problems to private wells.

Shelter operations were established in Washington County, St. Louis City and County. The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) transported over 500 cots from Kansas City to St. Louis, over 100 cots from Springfield to Potosi.

Early on July 21, Ameren had restored power to 270,000 customers. Shortly after noon a storm system, which spawned a tornado swept across

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Director's Report

As you read this column, Missouri's Citizen Councils and CERT training organizations will be showcasing their programs and hopefully attracting citizens wishing to volunteer in the local programs during September and October. As



emergency managers, you are the lynchpin between the volunteer training and emergency response. You are to be commended for your hard work, training, exercises, and

recruiting volunteers to participate in your emergency management programs.

SEMA is taking a major step – we are working toward accreditation by the National Emergency Management Association. Evaluators will be looking at SEMA's programs and plans, and other state agency emergency plans. The evaluators may also want to look at selected local emergency plans. Thank you in advance for accommodating the evaluators.

Winter Awareness Day is Wednesday, November 15, 2006. Information will be posted to the SEMA homepage. The campaign will include a general press release on the date and then you will be able to select from different suggestions, awareness items you want to localize and submit to your local media. The area coordinators will email the links to you in mid-October. Remember the campaign is designed to let you take the lead and highlight your efforts.

Again, thank you for ALL the work you do to protect you citizens and safeguard your communities.

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the county, knocking power out to over 560,000 customers including many of the restored customers.

Based on information from the City and the County Emergency Operation Centers, SEMA worked with Ameren to establish a power restoration priority list for hospitals, city services and utilities, cooling centers, nursing homes and fuel terminals. After the second storm, Ameren called in over 4000 linemen and tree trimming crews from across the country to work on restoring power to its customers.

On July 21, 2006, President Bush approved an Emergency Disaster Declaration for Categories A (Debris Removal) and B (Emergency Protective Services) for the July 19-21 storms. Prior to the declaration, FEMA established presence in the state EOC on July 20. Participated in conference calls and coordinated federal assets to assist state and local response.

Over the next several days, the

Heat Index remained in the 103-105 degree range. St. Louis City reported two shelters were each housing over 400. The County reported two cooling sites were each accommodating over 600 people. Several St. Louis area hospitals were on power generators, closed emergency rooms and diverted incoming patients to other hospitals. Numerous nursing home facilities were without power. Over 100 traffic control signals at intersections were not operational.

State Agencies responding to the State Emergency Operations Center included: Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources, Health and Senior Services, Mental Health, Social Services, Office of Administration, Conservation, Economic Development's Public Service Commission, and Public Safety including Highway Patrol, Water Patrol, Fire Safety, SEMA, and the Missouri National Guard. Disaster Recovery Partnership's Karen Benson and the Red Cross worked on volunteer issues from the EOC floor.

State agencies focused on providing generators, bottled drinking water, and food distribution, as well as security, reopening mental health centers, traffic signals, transporting cots to shelters, debris removal, and helping with door-to-door citizens wellness



DONATIONS: from left Karen Benson of the Partnership, SEMA's Dante Gliniecki, and ARC's Melissa Friel.

contacts.

At the local level, volunteer Organizations such as the Red Cross, Salvation Army, and United Way coordinated sheltering and meal distribution. AmeriCorps coordinated volunteer chainsaw crews to help elderly and disabled citizens remove debris from private property.

A series of Public Officials briefings for Public Assistance were



DNR's EER Responders: Brian Allen and Alan Reinkemeyer.

conducted in Dent, Iron, Jefferson, St. Charles, Washington and St. Louis Counties and the City of St. Louis. Over 150 jurisdictions attended the St. Louis City and St. Louis County briefings. Elected officials and non-profit organizations in the City of St. Louis had until August 21, 2006 to file a Request for Public Assistance Debris Removal (Category A), and Emergency Protective Actions (Category B).

On August 17, Oregon County was added to the Emergency Disaster Declaration for Public Assistance for debris removal and emergency protective actions from the storms July 19-21, 2006.

FEMA Denies State's Disaster Declaration Request

On August 17, FEMA denied Missouri's Disaster request for Individual Assistance, expanded Public Assistance, and Hazard Mitigation assistance in the original request for assistance for the July 19-21 storms. Additionally, the State's request to add Franklin and Reynolds

Counties to the disaster declaration was also denied by FEMA.

"The President and FEMA rapidly approved Missouri's request for an Emergency Disaster Declaration after July 19-21 storms. The Emergency Declaration played a vital role in the immediate disaster response to save lives by both the state agencies and local governments," SEMA's Deputy Director Duane Nichols said.

"However, based on the joint

federal, state, and local Preliminary Damage Assessments conducted in those cities and counties affected by the storms, the Federal Emergency Management Agency determined that the severity and magnitude of the damages was not of sufficient impact to warrant a major disaster declaration," Nichols said. Missouri has 30 days to appeal FEMA's decision and provide additional information.

NTSB Investigates 23 Texas Nursing Home Patients Deaths in Bus Evacuation Fire

The National Transportation Safety Board continues to investigate bus safety standards after 23 Texas nursing home patient died during the Hurricane Rita bus evacuation fire. The state agency coordinating the evacuation wasn't aware the nursing home had contracted with a company using unsafe buses.

Nursing Home industry officials said assisted-living facilities nationwide are often unprepared when it comes to transportation for mass evacuations. The National Organization on Disability says many facilities often don't have a bus company lined up for evacuations, struggle to compete for available buses and do not participate in emergency planning meetings.

MoDOT, Patrol Have Role in Bus Traffic Safety

By Steve Billings, Administrator of Transit

MoDOT - Multimodal Operations Division - Transit Section

The Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT) regulates passenger motor carriers and inspects buses. The Safety and Compliance Section (Enforcement Section) of the Motor Carrier Services Division is responsible for the inspections. MoDOT's Motor Carrier Safety programs web link is: <http://www.modot.org/mcs/safety/index.htm>

The Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Missouri Highway Patrol has inspection and enforcement responsibilities for commercial vehicles operating on Missouri's highways. See: <http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/CVE/index.html>

MoDOT's Transit Section in the Multimodal Operations Division provides financial assistance (grant funding) and technical assistance (including safety) for PUBLIC transit agencies and non-profit specialized transportation providers in Missouri. The inspections are limited to new transit vehicles jointly procured by MoDOT funds, as well as periodic site inspections of those public transit agencies and non-profit organizations receiving transit grant funds from MoDOT. The Transit Section inspects MoDOT grant funded vehicles operated by municipalities. Information on MoDOT's Multimodal Programs can be found at the following link: <http://www.modot.org/othertransportation/index.htm>

Drought Committee Places 37 Counties on Conservation

As of August 16, the Missouri Drought Assessment Committee placed 37 counties on Phase 3 - Conservation and 44 Counties on Phase 3 – Alert. Western and Central Missouri were the hardest hit by the continuing drought. Northern Missouri's upper tier counties have experienced long-term since May 2005.

The agricultural community has suffered from the continuing drought. The drought conditions are causing additional concerns ranging from stress on wildlife to wildfires.

Those counties currently in Phase 3 drought include McDonald, Newton, Jasper, Barton, Dade, Polk, Vernon, St. Clair, Hickory, Camden, Pulaski, Phelps, Bates, Henry Benton, Morgan, Miller, Maries, Cass, Johnson, Pettis, Cooper, Moniteau, Cole, Osage, Gasconade, Callaway, Montgomery, Jackson, Lafayette, Platte, Clay, Ray, Clinton, Caldwell and Davies.

In addition to those counties in Phase 3 drought, 44 counties were determined to be in Phase 2 “drought alert” drought, and 23 were classified Phase 1 drought “advisory phase,” which is the least serious drought level. Only 10 Missouri counties are not considered to be in any sort of drought.

For more information, see the drought Web page at www.dnr.mo.gov/env/wrc/droughtupdate.htm.



SAVE Coalition Board Elects New Chairman

**By Steve Bessemer,
Earthquake Program Manager**

The Missouri Structural Assessment & Visual Evaluation (SAVE) Coalition has a new Chairman of its Board of Directors. At its August 4th meeting in Jefferson City, board members elected David Weber to the position, replacing Richard Frueh.

Weber grew up in Nixa, Missouri and has received Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He is a Principal and Chief Structural Engineer for Allstate Consultants of Columbia.

The new Coalition board chairman has been a SAVE volunteer since 2003 as a representative of the Structural Engineers Association of Kansas and Missouri (SEAKM). He’s also a member of Missouri Task Force One, with deployments including the World Trade Center

Disaster in 2001 and the Clinton, MO Building Collapse this past June. He also served with the Incident Support Team, which responded to the Hurricane Katrina disaster last year.

“Obviously, I would like to see SAVE’s pool of building inspectors increase,” said Weber after his

election. “Also, I think we should consider a mock deployment where our asset is used under the mutual aid system’s incident management team. This could possibly be done one day on a weekend, once a year.”

Weber lives in Columbia with his wife Libby and two children.

45 Attend EQ Mitigation Meeting

Forty-five businesses safety officers attended an Earthquake Non-Structural Mitigation Workshop sponsored by the Central United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), DHS – Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in July at the A. G. Edwards building in St. Louis.



SEMA's Ed Gray spoke on earthquake preparedness at the meeting.

Workshop speakers included: Michael Griffin, P.E., of CCS Group, Jim Palmer geologist with DNR, Ed Gray former earthquake program manager for SEMA, and Jim Donley, Mitigation Branch FEMA Region VII in Kansas City.

NOAA Weather Radios distributed to Nation's Schools

By Jim Kramper, NWS St. Louis

During the week of September 18, NOAA Public Alert radios will begin arriving at more than

97,000 (nearly all) public schools across America as part of a joint project between the Departments of Commerce, Education and Homeland Security.

A letter to school principals, mailed with each radio, will state that Citizen Corps volunteers are available to assist schools in programming their units. Still, NWS personnel may be contacted by school officials for information on weather radio services and by the media. An instruction manual also shipped with each radio will show schools how to obtain FIPS/SAME codes and the same instructions are part of Citizen Corps training materials.

Areas NOT included in this year's distribution are those that were part of the pilot program last September, which included 16,037 public schools in the top 20 cities identified by DHS's Urban Area Security Initiative: Anaheim, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Dallas, Detroit, Los Angeles, Houston, Jersey City, N.J., Kansas City, Mo., Long Beach, Calif., Minneapolis, New York City, Newark, N.J., Phoenix, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Santa Ana, the Washington D.C./Northern Virginia area, in addition to ALL of Alaska and Kentucky.

Next fiscal year, radios will be delivered to all private schools.



Winter Awareness Day Set for Wednesday, November 1, 2006

The National Weather Service, the State Emergency Management Agency and your local Emergency Management Agency set Wednesday, November 15, 2006, as Winter Awareness Day. The winter awareness campaign encourages citizens to prepare for the winter season and reminds them how to protect themselves during a severe winter storm.

The two most important terms are Winter Storm Watch and Winter Storm Warning. A **Winter Storm Watch** indicates that severe winter weather may affect your area. A **Winter Storm Warning** indicates severe winter weather is in the area or expected immediately.

Preparing Before a winter storm:

- Buy three-five days worth of non-perishable food in case of power outages.
- Buy a tone alert weather radio and extra batteries for your regular radio.
- Listen to your weather radio, local AM/FM radio or television station for the latest weather updates.
- Have appropriate cold weather clothing available.

Secure an alternate fuel source such as firewood or a generator.

- Make sure your fireplace functions properly.

If you have a generator, make sure you have fuel and your generator functions properly.

- If you have a kerosene heater, refuel your heater outside and remember to keep the heater at least 3 feet away from flammable objects.
- Insulate attics and windows.
- Purchase snow shovels for your home and your car.
- Winterize the family car.
- Keep a winter car kit in the trunk of the car. The kit includes a blanket, a spare radio with batteries, snacks or energy-type food, jumper cables, a shovel (if you get stuck in the snow), sand or shingles to give your tires traction.
- Fill your vehicle's gas tank before the snow starts falling.
- Have rock salt to melt ice, and sand or kitty litter to give you traction as you walk on ice.

Keathley Named Highway Patrol Superintendent

Governor Matt Blunt appointed Major James (Jim) F. Keathley to serve as the superintendent of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. Col. Roger Stottelmyer retired from the Patrol on August 31 to become the Deputy Director for the Gaming Commission.



Keathley, 53 of Tebbetts, is currently the commander of the Criminal Investigation Bureau at the Highway Patrol. Keathley began his tenure with the Highway Patrol in 1977 as a commercial vehicle inspector in Caruthersville. He has also served in Jefferson City, Glen

Allen and Sikeston, as a road trooper, investigator, supervisor, assistant division director and division director. Keathley holds bachelor's degrees in agriculture and secondary education from Southeast Missouri State University. Page 5

Missouri's National Preparedness Showcases Local Volunteers

September is National Preparedness Month. Missouri featured regional Citizen Councils, CERT Teams, fire, police, and medical programs to increase both citizen awareness and local volunteerism.

"Volunteers are the backbone for local disaster response and I commend these unselfish men and women who dedicate their precious time to give back to our communities," said Mark James Director of the Department of Public Safety. "This month we encourage individuals to take action in emergency preparation."

Regional Events for September and October include:

Troop A (Kansas City and West Central area) the Kansas City PBS television station will conduct a live call-in show on disaster preparedness and volunteering. Throughout September and October, training will be offered for citizens wishing to volunteer for CERT, VIPS, and Fire Corps.

Troop B (Northeast Missouri) members of the Kirksville Medical Reserve Corps will participate in a mock bus accident in October.

Troop C (St Louis and East Central area) throughout September and October training will be offered for citizens wishing to volunteer for CERT, VIPS, and Fire Corps.

Troop D (Southwest Missouri) the State Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Conference in September 21-23, Springfield will offer training and showcase the 114 LEPCs. The Lawrence County Citizen Council will participate in a Pierce City Fair in September.

Troop E (Cape Girardeau

and Southeast Missouri) The Cape Chapter of the Red Cross, the Cape Girardeau County Public Health, and the CERT Alliance Disaster Preparedness will host an awareness event at the Cape Girardeau mall center court on Saturday, September 16th.

Earthquake Exercises: Southeast Missouri First Responders will participate in an earthquake tabletop exercise in Sikeston on Friday, September 22. They will participate in a full-scale earthquake response exercise on Saturday, September 23 in Scott County.

Troop F (Central Missouri) will feature three events in September. The Cole County Citizens Council will host a long-term recovery tabletop exercise on September 6 in Jefferson City. The Camdenton Citizen Council will host a preparedness and safety fair at the Osage Beach Premium Outlet on September 9. The Cole County Citizen Council will host a Citizen Council Conference at SEMA on September 28.

Troop G (Southern Missouri) The Douglas County Citizen Council is hosting a preparedness and safety fair showcasing first responders, storm watchers, ham radio operators and CERT teams at Ava's Wal-Mart on September 16.

Troop H (Northwest Missouri) Northwest Missouri Homeland Security Response Teams (HRSTs) conducted a regional exercise in late August. The exercise featured the established Buchanan County HRST team, and the recently additions of the St. Joseph Fire and Chillicothe Teams. Additionally new team components are also being formed in Harrison and Atchison Counties. An After Action out briefing will be conducted in September.

Troop I (South Central Missouri) The Phelps County Disaster Committee will distribute Ready-In-3 information to the public at the St. James Grape & Fall Festival September 7-9.

Blunt Praises Public Safety Homeland Security

Gov. Matt Blunt supports Missouri's efforts to streamline homeland security - both proactive and practical in developing measures to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from acts of terrorism and major disasters.



Missouri has dramatically improved public safety and security by implementing measures designed to protect our critical infrastructure, dedicating funds to improve interoperable communications, regionalizing how federal homeland security dollars are spent, reflecting upon lessons learned from Hurricane Katrina, increasing our preparedness for a disaster, and enhancing information sharing among federal, state, local, partners through Missouri's First Information Analysis Center (MIAC). Blunt has placed a strong emphasis on protecting Missourians.

The state has an integrated cohesive emergency management system, enacted catastrophic planning, coordinated training and exercise programs on the local level, implemented NIMS, assessed agency disaster plans and creating a state plan for incident response.



DPS Director Mark James watches E-Team entries about Busch stadium with Deputy Director Brian Jamison and SEMA Deputy Director Duane Nichols.

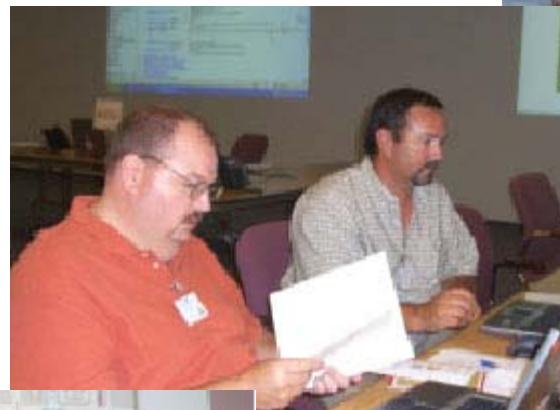


State Agency Law Enforcement Responders watch as the Missouri Information Analysis Center monitors sensitive information on the SEOC floor.

Highlights from the August 9, Busch Stadium Exercise at SEOC



Department of Natural Resources Responders: Above from Energy John Buchanan and Brenda Wilbers Below: from Environmental Response Cory Jorgenson, Brian Allan and Hugh Murrell.



Above: Joint Information Center - DHSS Nanci Gonder and DPS Terri Durdaller. Left: MoDOT's Don Hillis and Chris Kallenbach. Below: Department of Health and Senior Services EOC responder team.



At A Glance

New Directors

Debbie Cornell, City of Carterville;
Joe Campbell, City of Blackburn;
John Shearman, Callaway County;
Jamie Stallo, City of Brookfield;
Ernest Arteaga, City of New Melle;
Byron Smith, City of Popular Bluff;
Gary England, Benton County.

Congratulations

City of Cameron - Storm Ready,
August 2006

Warren County – Storm Ready,
July 2006

City of Marionville – Storm Ready,
October 2006

Mike Daniels, Warren County EMD, received the Mark Trail Award from NOAA for his work establishing a NOAA Transmitter in Bellflower, MO to cover Warren, Montgomery and Lincoln Counties.

Charlie Jones, EMD City of Caruthersville, received NOAA Storm Ready Hero Award for his efforts following the April 3, 2006, Caruthersville Tornado response.

Nick Gragnani is the new STARRS director.

Montgomery County has new Emergency Operations Center in the Montgomery County Courthouse.

Changes at SEMA

Promotions

Alan Garrison is the SEMA Area Coordinator for Area A in the Planning and Disaster Recovery Section.

New Employees

Jennifer Mobley: Administrative Assistant in the Flood Plain/Mitigation Branch.

Brian Ingram: Program Manager in the Homeland Security Grant Branch.

Brett Hendrix: LETPP and Interoperable Communications Program Manager in the Homeland Se-

curity Grant Branch.

Matthew Nutt: Citizen Corps Program Manager in the Homeland Security Branch.

Karen Cassmeyer: Planner II in the Flood Plain/Mitigation Branch.

Mary Smith: Administrative Assistance in the Radiological Emergency Preparedness section of Operations Branch.

O. J. Storm: Training Program in the Homeland Security Branch.

Kim Stuefer: Senior Office Support Assistant (Keyboarding) in the Planning and Disaster Recovery Section.

Moody Appointed to CMSU Advisory Board

Steve Moody (SEMA Operations Branch Chief) will be serving on the Curriculum Advisory Board in the Department of Safety Sciences of Central Missouri State University (CMSU), Warrensburg. The Advisory Board is made up professionals in the emergency management field that review and add input to strengthen the degree program for current and future students.

Moody graduated from CMSU with BS '80 and MS '82 in Criminal Justice Administration.

SEMA Training Schedule

| Date | Title | Location |
|-------------|--|----------------|
| 9/19-21/06 | Community Emergency Response Team T-t-T | Independence |
| 10/2-4/06 | Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS) | Jefferson City |
| 10/9-11/06 | Community Emergency Response Team T-t-T | New Madrid |
| 10/11-12/06 | Evacuation & Re-entry Planning (APDS) | West Plains |
| 10/13-15/06 | Community Emergency Response Team T-t-T | Hannibal |
| 10/17-20/06 | Incident Command System T-t-T (POST) SEMA, | Jefferson City |
| 10/17-19/06 | Basic Public Information (ADPS, POST) | St. Louis City |
| 10/18-20/06 | Debris Management (APDS) | Springfield |
| 11/1-2/06 | Hazardous Materials Operations Course | West Plains |
| 11/1-2/06 | Medical Consideration of WMD | Kirksville |
| 11/7-9/06 | Principles of Emergency Mgt (PDS, POST) | Chesterfield |
| 11/14-15/06 | Donations Management (APDS) | Springfield |
| 11/27-29/06 | Law Enforcement WMDOps Level T-t-T | St. Louis City |
| 12/5-6/06 | Developing & Managing Volunteers (PDS, POST) | Springfield |
| 12/5-6/06 | Community Mass Care Management (APDS) | Chesterfield |
| 1/23-24/06 | WEM: Disaster Recovery – Local Gov't (APDS) | St. Charles |
| 1/23-24/06 | Hazardous Weather & Flooding (APDS) | Springfield |
| 2/6-7/07 | Community Mass Care Mgt (APDS) | West Plains |
| 2/6-8/07 | Effective Communications (PDS, POST) | St. Louis City |
| 2/21/07 | ICS/ECO Interface (APDS, POST) | Branson |
| 3/13-14/07 | Emergency Planning (PDS, POST) | Chesterfield |
| 3/27-29/07 | Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS) | St. Louis City |
| 4/10-11/07 | Developing & Managing Volunteers (PDS, POST) | St. Louis City |
| 5/15-17/07 | Mass Fatalities Incident Response (APDS, POST) | Springfield |
| 6/12-13/07 | WEM: Disaster Recovery – Local Gov't (APDS) | Joplin |
| 6/17-18/07 | Multi-Hazard Safety for Schools (APDS) | Chesterfield |
| 6/26-27/07 | Multi-Hazard Safety for Schools (APDS) | West Plains |
| 7/10-12/07 | Emergency Planning (PDS, POST) | Jefferson City |
| 7/24-25/07 | Developing & Managing Volunteers (PDS, POST) | West Plains |
| 8/14-15/07 | Leadership & influence (PDS, POST) | St. Louis City |
| 8/14-16/07 | Emergency Planning for Special Needs (APDS) | Springfield |
| 8/16/07 | Decision Making & Problem Solving (PDS, POST) | St. Louis City |
| 9/11-13/07 | Exercise Design & Evaluation (PDS, POST) | Branson |

PDS Professional Development Series

APDS Advanced Professional Development Series

POST Peace Officer Standards and Training Certification offered

T-t-T Train-the-Trainer

LOCAL Only Participants within 50-mile radius only.

Good News Stories...

Warren Co EMD Mike Daniels Receives Mark Trail Award

In early September Warren County Emergency Management Director Michael Daniels received the NOAA Mark Trail Award for support of the agency's NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards program. Daniels is being honored for being the driving force in efforts to install a NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards transmitter near Bellflower in Montgomery County and in the fund raising to purchase receivers for all Warren County schools.

"With this award, we recognize Michael Daniels for an important contribution to protect the lives and property of east-central Missouri residents," said retired Navy Vice Adm. Conrad C. Lautenbacher Jr., Ph.D., under secretary of commerce for oceans and atmosphere and NOAA administrator. "When minutes count, citizens can count on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards."

"Mike Daniels is to be commended for his tireless efforts to bring NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards coverage to several counties in the I-70 corridor between St. Louis and Columbia," said James Kramper, warning coordination meteorologist at NOAA's St. Louis Weather Forecast Office. "He was responsible for all facets of the installation and raising money to purchase the receivers, even though most of the coverage range benefits four other counties."

The Mark Trail Awards are named for the nationally syndicated comic strip character that serves as the campaign symbol for the NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards program. Since 1995, Jack Elrod, writer and illustrator of Mark Trail, and King Features Syndicate have been strong

advocates for publicizing severe weather safety through the use of the radios. In recent years, the strip's education message has included the fact that anyone listening to NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards has instant access to the same lifesaving weather reports and all-hazards information provided to meteorologists, emergency personnel and the media.

Cape Girardeau to Host RCPI Course, Oct 12-13

"Creating Vigilant, Prepared, and Resilient Communities for Homeland Security" will be offered October 12-13 at the Osage Community Center, Cape Girardeau. The Missouri-Regional Community Policing Institute (RCPI), the Western Regional RCPI, and the Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Preparedness Department are sponsoring the course.

Class participants will learn strategies and skills necessary to help them become more effective in creating vigilant, prepared and resilient communities for homeland security. Topics include Logistics, Problem Solving, Group Dynamics, Community Policing, Ethics, Defining Community Responsibility and Homeland Security.

Charlie Jones Receives NOAA Storm Ready Hero Nomination

On August 29, Caruthersville (Pemiscot County) Fire Chief and City Emergency Manager Charlie Jones received the NOAA Storm Ready Hero Award for his incredible actions during the

April 2, 2006, tornado, which severely impacted Caruthersville. SEMA Director Ronald M Reynolds, Congresswoman Jo Ann Emerson, National Weather Director BG David L. Johnson, and NWS Southern Region Director Bill Proenza, and Jim Belles of the NWS Memphis Office also participated in the ceremony.

On Sunday evening April 2, 2006, an F3 tornado struck the city of Caruthersville, MO (population 6,500). The tornado damaged nearly sixty percent of the city's buildings, including 500 homes. Approximately 2,000 people were at imminent risk of injury or death from this tornado. On seeing the damage that evening the local funeral director expected from 50 to 100 deaths - yet **only people were injured and no one died!** This incredible StormReady success story was due to the heroism of Caruthersville's Emergency Manager and Fire Chief - Charlie Jones.

While storm spotting at the edge of town, Jones received word from the Troop E dispatcher that the National Weather Service had issued a tornado warning for Pemiscot County. The dispatcher received specific direction at 6:50 p.m. CDT from the WFO Memphis' warning coordinator over FEMA's National Warning and Alert System (NAWAS) that Caruthersville was in imminent danger from the tornado. Based on this information and spotter reports from Dunklin County, Jones ordered the city's sirens blown for the tornado warning.

He ordered the sirens blown in repeated cycles as he spotted the tornado west of town. This cycling of the sirens was unusual and resulted in an enhanced public response to the tornado. Charlie also used the local fire communications frequency to further disseminate the warning

emphasizing, "This is the real thing...**Take Cover Now!**" Many citizens were monitoring the scanner and based on his statements took the warning seriously and quickly sheltered.

The *most notable example* of his heroic efforts was Sunday evening services at Jesus Name Tabernacle Church. A fire department employee received Jones' warning over the radio. As a result, **nearly 150 people** were removed from the sanctuary and sheltered in the center of the building. The tornado ripped through town around 7:07 p.m. and the sanctuary collapsed. Without his clear warning over the radio, most of the people in that church would have been seriously injured or killed.

Charlie Jones was also the driving force behind Caruthersville's StormReady recognition. It was his leadership and vision that led the community to support the process of becoming StormReady. The creation of the spotter network, utilized on April 2nd, the communication protocols with the dispatch, the activation of sirens and finally the community preparedness activities, would not have occurred if not for his dedication.

Jones was also one of the 65 people injured by the tornado. The windows of his vehicle were blown out and he received a wound from the debris. Although he feared for his life, and despite his personal injury, Jones continued to perform his duty and continued to coordinate recovery efforts immediately after the tornado ripped through town. At his request, WFO Memphis also issued a Civil Emergency Message at 9:00 p.m. CDT to transmit notification that the town of Caruthersville was closed to all except emergency responders and local residents.

Hannibal EOC Gets New Generator

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Hannibal's Emergency Operations Center received a new backup generator. "If there's a power failure, we're going to be up and running without any problem," said John Hark, the city's emergency management director.

With the installation of the new generator, a power outage will no longer mean that EOC operations must be shifted to the 911-call center at the Police Department.

"If we lose power at the Emergency Operations Center the radios, computers, lights, everything will go back on line. We will be able to power up the complete Emergency Operations Center," said Hark. "It's something we haven't been able to do for years and years."

The old generator, which was at least 30-35 years old, quit functioning earlier this year. While designated for the EOC, Hark believes the new generator could also meet other power of the fire station.

St. Charles County Police, fire agencies train and prepare

St. Charles County and city police and fire officials continue to work, train and exercise together to establish clear lines of command and better on-site communication among different agencies during exercises, major city and county events, and of course for emergency response to natural and manmade disasters

For example, the city of St. Peters set up an "incident command center" at city's annual July picnic. The ICS deliberately mirrored to U.S. Department of Homeland Security's guidelines to respond to disasters or terrorist attack. The ICS team was composed of the city's police, fire, parks, health, environmental services departments, and the ambulance district.

"Since 9/11, emergency-response agencies — police, fire, ambulance and others — have made progress in integrating resources and increasing cooperation, said Scott Frietag, assistant chief of the Cottleville Fire Protection District. "Before 9/11, you weren't necessarily always using the same terminology," he said.

Time is precious at a disaster scene, said St. Charles County Sheriff Tom Neer. "You have to know who is going to do what when you get there rather than lose valuable time trying to decide after you're there," Neer said. To tap into the pipeline of federal money the various departments must first meet training guidelines spelled out under NIMS. September 30 is the deadline for NIMS training all first-responders.

St. Charles County is part of the St. Louis Urban Area Security Initiative (USA) and receives homeland security funds for the region. The federal funds are managed by the St. Louis Area Regional Response System (STARRS), with an advisory council of more than 20 people knowledgeable in emergency response. St. Charles/Warren County host a Homeland Security Response Team which is composed of firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement officers from throughout both counties.

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Homeland Security Updates....



HOMELAND SECURITY Bi-Annual Grant Report - Above: The Grant Management Screen. LEFT: SEMA's Homeland Security Grant Manager Tom Mohr talks with Tetra-Tech employees and SEMA's Brian Ingram who are keying information on more than 1600 grants into the report.

Regionalization Will Maximize Future DHS Federal Grants

In an effort to maximize the return on investments of future homeland security grants in Missouri, Gov. Matt Blunt, early in his administration, realized the need to improve the way we spent our homeland security grant money.

"The more we engage local jurisdictions to participate in a cohesive regional effort, the greater impact our future Homeland Security grants will have to protect our citizens," said Mark James, Director of Department of Public Safety. "This will become especially important this fall, when homeland security grants are awarded to each region."

The governor empowered his Homeland Security Advisory Council to further authorize jurisdictions and governmental agencies at the most basic level to have input into how vital federal dollars are spent. Through Executive Order 06-09, Gov. Blunt established the concept of Regional Homeland Security Oversight

Committees (RHSOC), to bring his vision to reality.

The Missouri Office of Homeland Security (MHS), working with the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), and a select number of Missouri's Regional Planning Commissions (RPC's), have been organizing these committees around the state. The committees are designed to first on a regional basis, and then collectively as a state, embrace a seamless, unified approach to future planning, training, and equipment purchases.

Over several months, SEMA Deputy Director Duane Nichols, and Homeland Security Coordinator Paul Fennewald met with various first responder agencies, emergency management directors, local elected officials, and Missouri Association of Councils of Government (MACOG) staff. The meetings allowed participants to familiarize themselves with the regionalization concept, as well as the roles and responsibilities of the various partners. These partners were asked for input on making this process better, and many

of their suggestions were adopted for the final template of the Committees.

Based on the Missouri State Highway Patrol Troop Area geographic boundaries, the nine Regional Oversight Committees will identify local priorities, capabilities, and coordinate program activities within their region. As one body, the committee will make recommendations to Missouri's Homeland Security Advisory Council for program and equipment priorities. Each Oversight Committee is comprised of representatives from various jurisdictions and non-voting ex-officio state agencies. The RPC provides administrative and fiscal support to each Regional Oversight Committee.

The thirteen core disciplines represented in Regional Oversight Committee are: Director of Emergency Management, Police Chief, Sheriff, Fire Chief, County Health, Homeland Security Response Team, City or County Public Works, Mayor or City Administrator, County Commissioner, Private Industry/Public

Utility, Emergency Medical Service, 911, and Volunteer Group Representation.

HSOC – Region A Non UASI – Kansas City area

Chair Commissioner Rusty Kahrs of Pettis County, **Vice-Chair** Sheriff Charles Heiss of Johnson County. Other members: 911 Tom Ling of Johnson County, EMD Timothy Young of Bates County, EMS Michael Gardner of Benton County, Fire Chief John Reeves of Saline County, Health Diana Stout of Pettis County, HSRT Tim Moser of Pettis County, Mayor Dennis Pyle in Bates County, Police Robert Kinder in Lafayette County, Public Works Robert Crumb of Johnson County, and Volunteer Richard Deford of Pettis County.

HSOC – Region B - Northeast

Membership has not yet been confirmed.

HSOC – Region C (North)

Non-UASI – St. Louis area

Police Patrick Harney of Warrenton, Sheriff Kevin Harrison of Warren County, Fire Brian Nickerson of Wright City, Health Brett Siefert of Lincoln County, Mayor Kelly Henderson of Louisiana, Commissioner Arden Engelage of Warren County, Private/Public Larry Shroth of Ameren, EMS Ralph Hellebusch, 911 Renee Berry of Warren County, Public Works – Charlie McLeod of Alliance, and EMD Michael Daniels of Warren County.

HSOC – Region C (South) Non UASI – St. Louis area

Membership has not been yet been confirmed.

HSOC – Region D – Southwest

Chair: EMD Chris Berndt of Taney County, Public Works David Brock of Republic, Mayor Jim Collins of Republic, Utilities Bill Deal of Springfield, Private/LEPC David Edwards of Silver Dollar City, Health Angela Ford of Stone County, Sheriff Richard Hill of Stone County, EMS David Hoover of Springfield, Volunteer Debbie Meeds of Springfield, HSRT Mitch Randles of Joplin, Police Lynn Rowe of Springfield, Fire Jimmy Sebree of Nixa, Commissioner Charles Surface of Jasper County, and 911 J.R. Webb of Green County.

HSOC – Region E – Southeast

Membership has not yet been confirmed.

HSOC – Region F – Central

Chair: HRST Mike Rackers of Cole County, **Vice Chair:** Fire Gary A. Woodson of Lake Ozark, Public Works Larry Benz of Cole County, EMD Biggers Barlow of Miller County, Volunteer Melissa Friel of Jefferson City, Industry/Private Rich Green of Knapheide Trucks, Mayor John Landwehr of Jefferson City, Health Kevin Lowance of Audrain County, Commissioner Karen Miller of Boone County, Police Victor Pitman of Holts Summit, EMS Mike Shirts of Jefferson City, Sheriff Greg White of Cole County, and 911 Tom White of Cooper County.

HSOC – Region G – So. Central

EMD Eric King of Oregon County, Police Charles Brotherton of West Plains, Sheriff Robby Crites of Howell County, Fire Mark Bushong of Mountain Grove, HSRT Tim Bean of Howell County, Public Works Wes Parks of West Plains, Mayor Royce Fugate of West Plains, Commissioner Don Shelmanner of Texas County, Private Business Myles Smith of

Howell/Oregon Electric Cooperative, EMS Don Ainley of Reynolds County, 911 Lisa Reid of Howell County, and Volunteer Gene Swanson of Willow Springs.

HSOC – Region H – Northwest

Membership has not yet been confirmed.

HSOC – Region I

Chair EMD Bob Hutson of Bourbon, **Vice Chair** Volunteer Paul Reuff of Phelps County, Public Works Jack Emory of Salem, Fire Chuck Fraley of St Robert, EMS Linda Hanrahan of St. James, Mayor Bill Jenks of Rolla, Sheriff James King, HSRT Bryan Lewis of Rolla, Police Sam Mustard of Lebanon, Private Industry Jerry Wellington of Crawford Electric Cooperative, and 911 Charles Witt of Crawford County.

7 HSRTs Participate Nodaway County Terrorism Exercise

A September regional terrorism exercise featured seven Homeland Security Response Teams (HSRTs) responding to multiple terrorism events and disasters in Maryville and Nodaway County.

Maryville/Nodaway County Emergency Operations Center was activated and Incident Command was established to respond to three different situations at different area locations. The local EOC requested assets from State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA). Based on the requests SEMA deployed either entire HRST teams or specialized components of the teams for example decontamination, or interoperable communications. The seven teams participating in the exercise were Buchanan County, Boone County, Johnson County, Hannibal, Kirksville, Northland

(Kansas City area), and Sedalia. The teams relied on their extensive training and utilized their state-of-the-art equipment to respond to the multiple situations at multiple locations.

"The exercise tested local law enforcement's ability to collect, verify and relay sensitive information for state response. It also tested the state's ability to quickly and effectively deploy specially trained response teams within the state of Missouri," said Mark James, Director of the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

"Missouri has spent millions of US Homeland Security dollars establishing, training, and providing state-of-the-art response equipment for 28 State's Homeland Security Response Teams. Team members are highly trained response professionals who are dedicated to protecting our citizens' lives," said James.

Missouri Awarded \$756,000 for Buffer Zone Protection

The US Department of Homeland Security (DHS) awarded Missouri \$756,000 to administer the Buffer Zone Protection program for federally selected critical infrastructure sites in Missouri.

"These grants are an investment in enhancing Missouri's preparedness that will make it extremely difficult for terrorists to conduct surveillance or launch attacks near high-risk critical infrastructure or key resource sites," Missouri Governor Matt Blunt said.

The federal government used FY05 Buffer Zone funds to target 52 critical assets in Missouri. Nationally, DHS worked with states and the private sector to identify sites that represent the most at risk critical infrastructures based on analysis of

consequence, vulnerability and threat data for 17 critical sectors.

The FY06 Buffer Zone funds focuses on two types of risks – asset, and geographically based risks. The sites are considered sensitive. SEMA will work with selected local jurisdictions writing buffer zone protection plans for the critical sites within their jurisdiction.

30 Citizen Corps Councils Receive Grants

Gov. Blunt announced FY05 Homeland Security grants totaling \$199,000 will support 30 local Citizen Councils. The councils are grassroots volunteer organizations that help their local communities prepare for disasters.

"Citizen Corps Councils are comprised of Missourians dedicated to helping their fellow citizens prepare for natural disasters or possible terrorist attacks," Blunt said. "These everyday heroes deserve our thanks and appreciation for the outstanding work they accomplish on shoestring budgets. I am pleased these grants will help them continue to help keep Missouri prepared and ready to respond to any crisis."

The Citizen Corps Councils receiving FY05 grant awards are: Bollinger County, Camden County, Cape Girardeau Fire Department, Chesterfield, Christian County, Clay County, Cole County, Columbia, Douglas County, Ferguson Police Department, Festus, Gladstone, Greene County, Hazelwood, Independence Fire Department, Joplin/Jasper County Emergency Management, Kirksville Fire Department, Kirkwood, Manchester, Marion County, Meramac Valley Citizen Corps Council, Miller County Citizen Council, Perry County Health Department, Phelps County, Polk County Emergency Management,

Portageville, Rock Community Fire Department, Scott County Emergency Management, Stoddard County Citizen Corps, and Willard.

Citizen Corps Councils support five programs including: Medical Reserve Corps, Fire Corps, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Volunteers In Police Service, and Neighborhood Watch. Missouri currently has six Medical Reserve Corps units and over 100 Citizen Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

Homeland Security Funds Purchase Livescan for 125 Law Agencies

Missouri used US Department of Homeland Security FY 2005 Law Enforcement Terrorism Protection Program (LETPP) funds to purchase 125 "Livescan" fingerprinting systems (electronic scanning of fingerprints and palms) for Missouri Police and Sheriff Departments. The Missouri Sheriffs Association and the Missouri Police Chiefs Association helped develop the recipient priority list.

Police Departments receiving Livescans are: Arnold, Ava, Ballwin, Berkeley, Bolivar, Branson, Bridgeton, Brookfield, Camdenton, Cameron, Cape Girardeau, Carthage, Chesterfield, Clayton, Cottleville, Des Peres, DeSoto, Dexter, El Dorado Springs, Eureka, Farmington, Ferguson, Foristell, Fulton, Gladstone, Grandview, Jackson, Jefferson City, Jennings, Kirksville, Lake St. Louis, Lee's Summit, Liberty, Maryville, Mexico, Monett, Neosho, Nevada, Nixa, North Kansas City, Oak Grove, O'Fallon, Osage Beach, Overland, Poplar Bluff, Raymore, Republic, Richmond Heights, Riverside, Rolla, Sikeston, St. Peters, Sullivan, Town and Country, Troy, Union, University,

Washington, Webb City, Wentzville and West Plains.

County Sheriff Departments receiving Livescans are: Atchison, Audrain, Boone, Buchanan, Butler, Callaway, Camden, Carroll, Carter, Cass, Cedar, Christian, Clark, Clinton, Cole, Cooper, Crawford, Dallas, Douglas, Dunklin, Franklin, Greene, Henry, Howell, Iron, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Laclede, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lewis, Livingston, Maries, Marion, McDonald, Miller, Mississippi, Montgomery, Morgan, Oregon, Ozark, Pemiscot, Perry, Pettis, Pike, Pulaski, Ray, Reynolds, Scott, Shannon, Shelby, St. Charles, St. Clair, St. Francois, Ste. Genevieve, Stoddard, Stone, Sullivan, Taney, Texas, Warren, Washington and Webster.

Exec Order Establishes Interop Com Committee

Gov. Matt Blunt signed Executive Order 06-23 creating a Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) to develop a communications strategic plan. A State Government Review Commission recommended that the Department of Public Safety (DPS) oversee a statewide emergency communication system. DPS Director Mark James will chair the ten-member committee under the Homeland Security Advisory Council.

The SIEC will promote effective interoperable communications among local, state, and critical infrastructure radio users in Missouri; and ensure future state radio systems comply with interoperability standards, policies, and practices. The SIEC will generate a communications strategic plan to serve as the vision to establish and maintain interoperable communications initiatives among Missouri's public safety and critical infrastructure communities.

HDER Equipment Program

The **Homeland Defense Equipment Reuse (HDER)** Program is available to provide surplus radiological detection instrumentation and other equipment, as well as training and long-term technical support, to emergency responder agencies to enhance their homeland security preparedness capabilities. This grant is open to all first responders.

The website to access the list of equipment is <http://www.rkb.mipt.org/>. An account is needed to obtain the list of equipment.

The fiscal year begins in October and the equipment is ordered in the last month of the quarter. First quarter (Oct 1 - Dec 30) order date is December 1. Second quarter (Jan 1 - Mar 31) order date is March 1. Third quarter (April 1 - June 30) order date is June 1. Fourth quarter (July 1 - September 30) order date is September 1. Please send your list by mail, fax or email, by the date on the table below. Late orders will not be accepted.

Once the items are received by SEMA, you will be contacted to make arrangements for pick up. This is a first come-first serve grant. For more information, contact Brian Ingram, Homeland Security Grant Program Specialist, at SEMA, P. O. Box 116, Jefferson City, MO 65102. His telephone is 573-526-9227, or Fax: 573-526-9262. His email is: Brian.Ingram@sema.dps.mo.gov

Interop Communications Award Requirements

This year's awards require the recipients to live within strict guidelines. Those guidelines are spelled out in the Grant Guidance (which you agreed to). A Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) was

distributed in the previous newsletter and has been placed on SEMA's website for clarification of common issues.

A few examples include, but are not limited to the following:

- Decommissioning of existing narrowband radios. This is NOT allowed
- Decommissioning of wideband radios only is permitted.
- Decommissioning personal radios. The radios decommissioned MUST belong to the entity receiving the new radios.
- Conversely, moving decommissioned radios to personal use by firefighters or law enforcement personnel. NO. Your agency's decommissioned radios must be put completely out of use, except perhaps for an affiliated Citizen Council or CERT team (Option 1).

H S Grant Deadlines

Reminder that the deadline for spending approved Extension Requests is quickly approaching. Please check your particular award for the deadline. NO additional extension requests will be available on FY 03-2 or FY 04.

- FY 03-2 — ends 10/31/2006
- FY 04 — ends November 30, 2006
- FY 05 spending is expected to be complete in either January or February 2007.

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